

Regular City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers

February 17, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor –	Joyce Hudson
Council members	Jeff Kennedy
	Randy Waskowiak
	Verlin Janssen
	Jay Richeson
City Administrator	Bruce Clymer
City Attorney	Mike Bacon
City Clerk / Treasurer	Connie L. Dalrymple

Press: *Gothenburg Times* - Beth Barrett

Also present: Toban Buchanan, Craig Jones, Katie Beth Kauffman, Shane Gruber

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

Kennedy moved, Richeson seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

City Council minutes – February 3 and February 13
Planning & Zoning Commission minutes – February 10

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of the claims against the City, \$72,633.36, except #1631, and including a payment of \$14,611.05 to Woodhouse Auto to buy out the lease on the Nissan Leaf; Public Works Division \$435,505.17; and the February 12 payroll of \$32,189.11. Roll Call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay - none.

Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, allowing payment #1631 to Gothenburg Public Schools. Richeson, Janssen, Kennedy. Nay – none.

Community Comments:

- The Council retreat will be Wednesday, February 25 at 3:30 p.m.
- The property at 1804 Ave C sold at Sheriff Sale for \$15,010.00.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve the Special Designated License requested by Katie Beth Kauffman of the Gothenburg Memorial Hospital Foundation for a February 28 Gala fundraising event to be held at 41115 Road 763 in Gothenburg. The event will be from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Richeson, Janssen. Nay - none.

According to Craig Jones, the bonds that financed the 2010 paving projects mature in 2020. When the bonds are callable on July 7, 2015 there will be \$315,000 outstanding bonds at 3.17%. We can refund those bonds and reissue them at 1.08% with the same retirement date of

December 15, 2020. That would result in savings of \$2,334 per year in interest. We are allowed to close a reissue three months in advance of the call date to lock in the rates.

Discussion was had on including the cost of paving the new parking area at Lake Helen, anticipated to be about \$115,000. However, the process of bonding a parking area is different than streets. It was decided to table action on refunding the bonds pending determination of which way is the best to go, consolidating the two issues or issuing two bonds.

The revised Rickertsen Subdivision Plat removes the language that dedicates the subdivision to the City. Since the plat has been filed with the Register of Deeds office, it is necessary to revise and approve the plat. Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approval of the Revised Rickertsen plat. Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Waskowiak, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, approving the automatic renewal of liquor licenses:

R & C Petroleum dba Time Saver #18	Class B
Western Staab (Pizza Hut)	Class A
Pete's Lounge	Class I
Walker's Steakhouse	Class IB
Lakeside Fun Center	Class I
OK Bottle Shoppe	Class DK
Cubby's Truck Plaza	Class D
Cubby's Express	Class D
Shopko Hometown	Class D
Peterson's Supermarket	Class DK
Bar-W Lounge	Class IB

Roll call vote: Yea – Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen, Waskowiak . Nay - none.

Discussion was had on the white concrete fence on the east side of Lake Helen. After last meeting's discussion and information in the Times, Councilmember Janssen said he had some comments on the fence, a couple favored keeping it but the majority thought it should go. Council member Kennedy thinks the fence will serve no purpose once the lake is finished and feels its presence creates more work for the City crew to mow around plus it is broken and requires repair. Council member Richeson had two people tell him the fence should remain and 8 – 10 think it should be removed. Landscaping will change the looks of the entire area.

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, to remove the concrete fence on the southeast side of Lake Helen. Roll call vote: Yea – Janssen, Kennedy, Richeson. Nay – Waskowiak.

Change Order #2 is for \$57,486 for the fishing pier. The City will receive \$100,000 from the Game & Parks Commission to cover the cost. Shane will visit with the contractor on placement of the pier on the West side since it's not so close to the road and is quieter.

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, authorizing signature of Change Order #2 adding a fishing pier at Lake Helen. Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Richeson, Kennedy, Janssen. Nay – none.

Discussion was had on paving the parking lot at Lake Helen. Cost is anticipated to be about \$114,000. There are still some unknown costs associated with Lake Helen such as the cost of additional excavation due to the condition of the ground. Discussion on the cost and including it in a bond issue could be had at the Council Retreat on the 25th.

The Water Emergency Plan must be updated every three years and filed with the State. It is designed to provide information such as personnel, phone numbers to contact, and location of water wells, in case of a local emergency.

Janssen moved, Waskowiak seconded, to pass and approve Resolution 2015-2 approving the updated Water Emergency Plan. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Richeson, Waskowiak, Janssen. Nay – none.

Atty. Bacon provided proposed ordinances that resulted from legislative action which impacts local ordinances. They pertain to the regulation of use and sale of vapor cigarettes, elections, occupation taxes, and abandoned vehicles.

Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, introduction of:

Ordinance 907 regarding the administration and conduct of elections

Ordinance 908 regarding occupation taxes on fire insurance companies

Ordinance 909 regarding filing fees for election candidates

Ordinance 910 renaming the child protection act to harmonize with State law

Ordinance 911 regarding Mayoral powers

Ordinance 912 regarding credit sales of alcohol

Ordinance 913 regarding sale and use of vapor and nicotine products to minors

Ordinance 914 revising tobacco and cigarette license to include vapor products and alternative nicotine products

Ordinance 915 regarding abandoned vehicle procedures

Roll call vote: Yea – Waskowiak, Kennedy, Richeson, Janssen. Nay – none.

Waskowiak moved, Janssen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea – Kennedy, Waskowiak, Janssen, Richeson. Nay - none. The next regular meeting will be March 3, 2015.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor

Connie L. Dalrymple, City Clerk